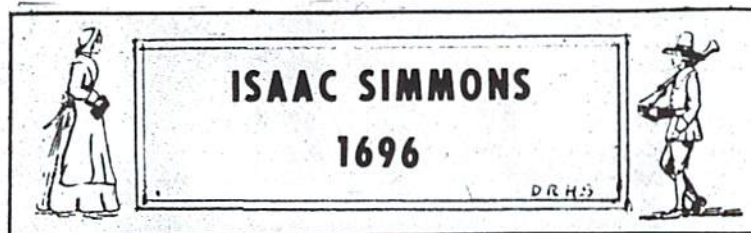


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The Fred Harrington House is in the Crooked Lane Neighborhood on Temple St. in North Duxbury. It was built by Isaac Simmons in 1696.

From the town records, dated Oct. 18, 1712: "Thirty acres land laid out to Isaac Simmons, granted previously by town, where his house now stands."

The house is an early Cape, enlarged from the original, but with no major changes. It is restored to its original condition - one of the very few 17th century houses in such a good state.

It was built when there were only paths leading into Crooked Lane, at a time when there were no carriages, only a few farm wagons. There were no roads beyond paths for foot or horseback travelers.

The house has remained in the Simmons family for many generations. Levi Simmons, the last of the name to live there, was a blacksmith. His shop, near four corners, was moved across the street from the house when business declined.